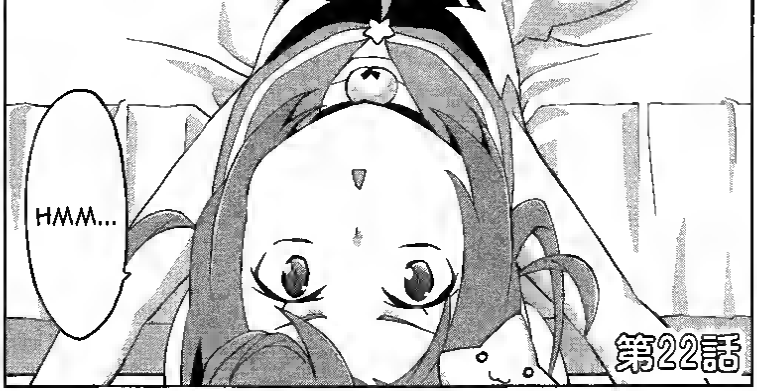
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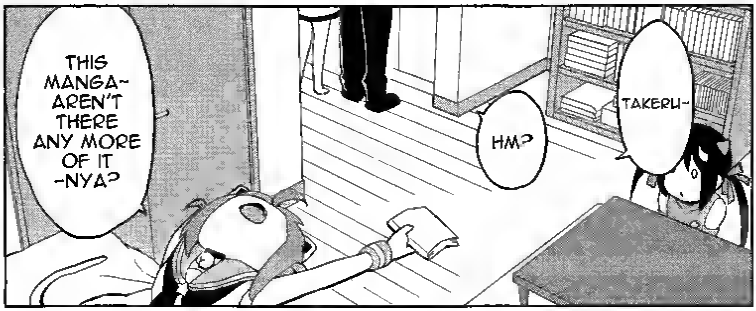
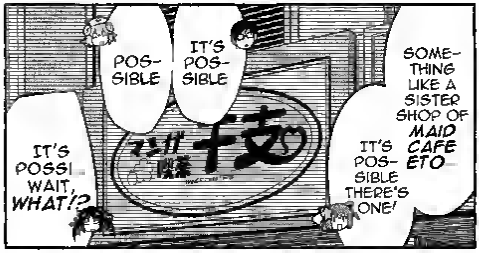

THIS MANGA~ AREN'T THERE ANY MORE OF IT -NYA?
HM?
TAKERU~

THIS LINEUP REEKS OF SOMEONE WHO GETS BORED OF READING AFTER JUST THE FIRST FEW BOOKS..
SOME-HOW...
None of the 4 Ales go beyond Volume 3
IF IT'S NOT ON THE BOOKSHELF, THERE PROBABLY AREN'T ANY MORE, RIGHT?
MUU... IS THAT SO...

AS OF NOW OVER 30 VOLUMES OF THIS MANGA HAVE BEEN RELEASED ALREADY...
THAT'S TOO BAD -NYA...
Takeru's smartphone
Ara Ara
Well okay, I guess that's true

I CAN PRACTICALLY HEAR THE FOOTSTEPS OF AN ETO-MUSUME ALREADY -NYA!
SOUNDS REALLY SIMILAR TO 'MAID CAFE'..

THEN HOW ABOUT WE ALL GO TO SOMETHING LIKE A MANGA CAFE?
MANGA CAFE!


IT'S POSSI... WAIT, WHAT!?
POS-SIBLE
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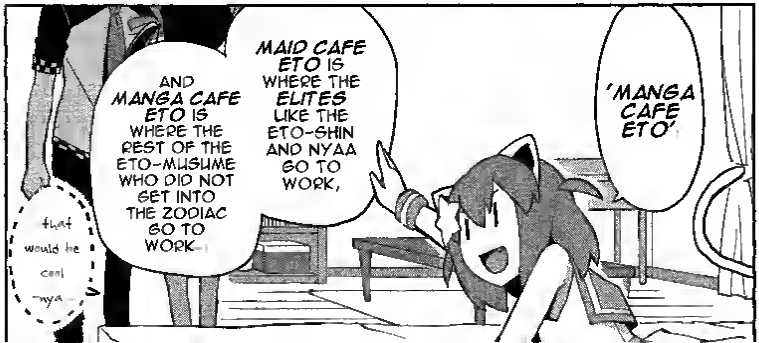
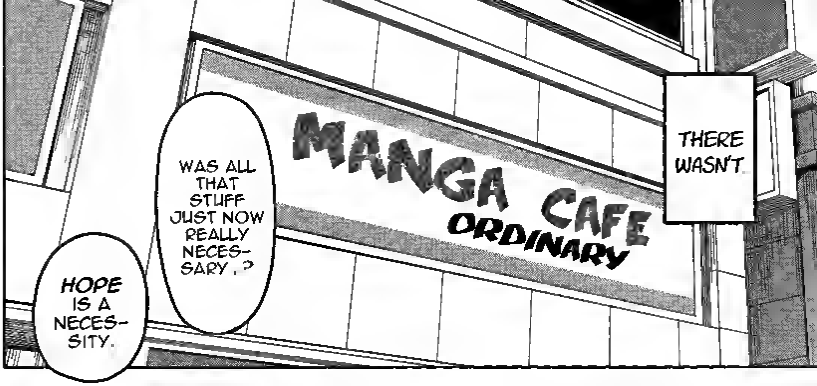
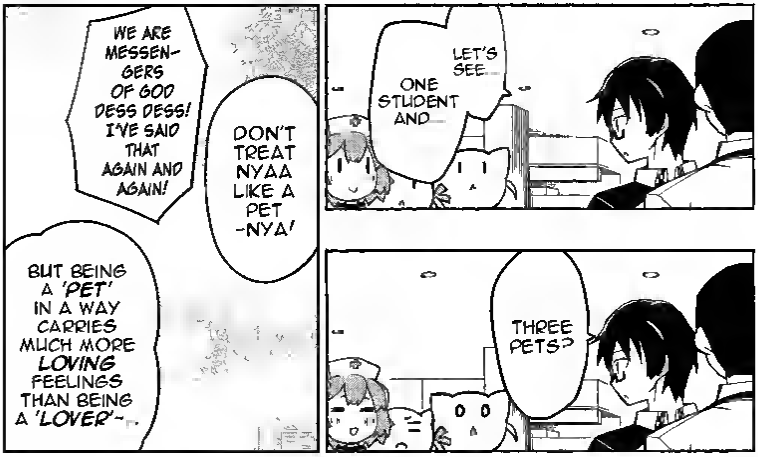
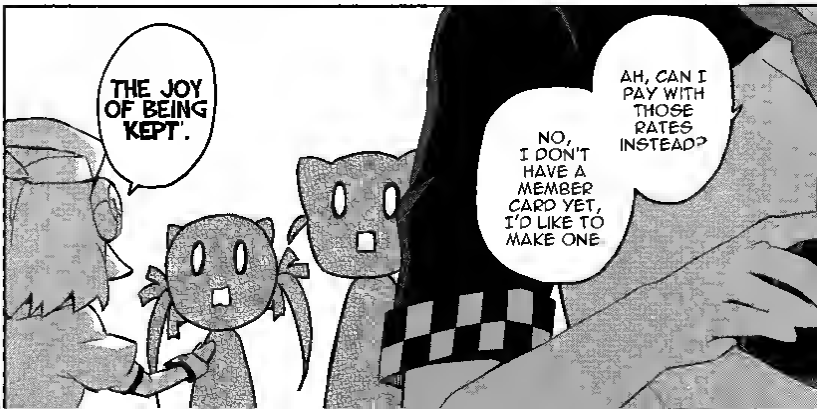
SOMETHING LIKE A SISTER SHOP OF MAID CAFE ETO-
IT'S POS-SIBLE THERE'S ONE!


that would be cool -nya...
AND MANGA CAFE ETO IS WHERE THE REST OF THE ETO-MUSUME WHO DID NOT GET INTO THE ZODIAC GO TO WORK...
MAID CAFE ETO IS WHERE THE ELITES LIKE THE ETO-SHIN AND NYAA GO TO WORK,
'MANGA CAFE ETO'

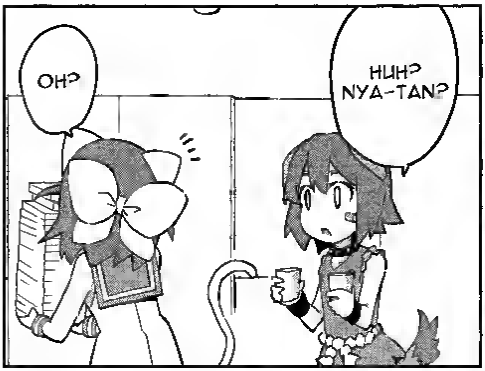
SO I THINK IT'S QUITE LIKELY THAT THERE'S ANOTHER SHOP SOMEWHERE THAT THE REST OF THE ETO-MUSUME WORK AT.
BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY ETO-MUSUME OTHER THAN NYA-TAN AT MAID CAFE ETO SINCE THE BEGINNING,
THERE'S MINIMAL CONTACT WITH THE CUSTOMERS, AND IT'S NOT A JOB CENTERED ON THE CONCEPT OF 'MOE' ANYWAY...
BUT IT'S NOT REALLY A GOOD IDEA TO LOOK FOR SOL/LULL IN A MANGA CAFE~
Is that so?
I GUESS THERE'S NO CHOICE BUT TO GO THERE!
I KNEW TAKERU WOULD SAY THAT -NYA!
IF TAKERU-SAN IS GOING, MEI WILL TOO~.
WHO KNOWS, MAYBE ALL THOSE COUNTLESS ETO-MUSUME WE HAVE IMAGINED ARE ACTUALLY WORKING IN THAT SHOP...
It's okay if you want to fluff me
PLEASE THINK ABOUT SOME OF THE OTHER ONES AS WELL DESS DESS.
PAKU...
WELL THEN, TODAY WE WILL GO SEARCHING FOR MANGA CAFE ETO.
OH~
ALTHOUGH THERE'S NO SUCH PLACE...
NO... JUST MAYBE... BUT... COULD IT BE...?


MANGA CAFE
ORDINARY
THERE WASN'T.
WAS ALL THAT STUFF JUST NOW REALLY NECES-SARY...?
HOPE IS A NECES-SITY.


LET'S SEE...
ONE STUDENT AND...
THREE PETS?
DON'T TREAT NYAA LIKE A PET -NYA!
WE ARE MESSEN-GERS OF GOD DESS DESS! I'VE SAID THAT AGAIN AND AGAIN!
BUT BEING A 'PET' IN A WAY CARRIES MUCH MORE LOVING FEELINGS THAN BEING A 'LOVER'~


AH, CAN I PAY WITH THOSE RATES INSTEAD?
NO, I DON'T HAVE A MEMBER CARD YET, I'D LIKE TO MAKE ONE
THE JOY OF BEING KEPT'.

NO, WE'RE NOT COUPLES WITH KIDS.
TAKERU-SAAAAN~, PAIR SEATS PAIR SEATS ~
'OPEN'? WE'LL TAKE THOSE.
TYPE OF SEATS? THE CHEAPEST ONES POSSIBLE, PLEASE
THEN, WHAT SHALL I DO?
WHERE COULD THEY BE -NYA~
well then,
LET'S GO FIND THE REST OF THAT MANGA -NYA~!
TAKERU-SAN, URI-TAN, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DRINK?
MEI IS GOING TO THE DRINK BAR~
OKAAY~
SOME-THING SWEET FOR ME PLEASE
COF-FEE


OH?
HUH? NYA-TAN?

THEY'RE HERE THEY'RE HERE -NYA~..
HAPPY
HAPPY

IT'S JUST ME!! INU-TAN, YOU KNOW!?
I'M AN ETO-SHIN!
AS I THOUGHT, THERE REALLY IS A 'MANGA CAFE ETO', ISN'T THERE?
IF IT ISN'T AN ETO-MUSUME FROM THE DOG CLAN?

HE DOESN'T HAVE A PC IN HIS HOME, DOES HE?
WHY NOT JUST DO THAT IN TAKERU'S PLACE -NYA?
HO-...

I'M GOING TO PLAY A GAME WITH KII-TAN
WHY ARE YOU HERE, ANYWAY -NYA?
HO-...

peek
OOOOI, KII-TAN~
OH, INU-TAN, WEL-COME BA-...
AND NYA-TAN IS... READING MANGA?
THAT'S RIGHT -NYA
SPEAKING OF WHICH, TAKERU AND THE OTHERS ARE HERE AS WELL -NYA.
IS THAT SO?
AND YOU OVER THERE,
OH,
AREN'T YOU AN ETO-MUSUME FROM THE CAT CLAN?
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT NYAA!?
OF COURSE!!
SO WHAT GAME ARE YOU PLAYING ANYWAY -NYA?
ANYWAY
WELL, IT'S A TYPICAL ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER GAME.
A 6V6 FPS...

...ABOUT THE ZODIAC FIGHTING AGAINST EACH OTHER.
THAT SOUNDS VERY OMINOUS -NYA!?
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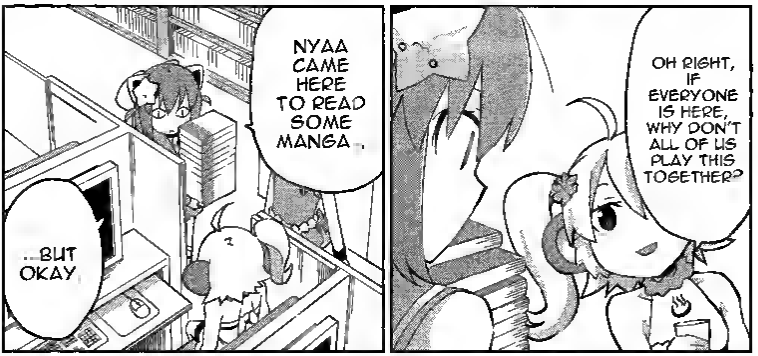
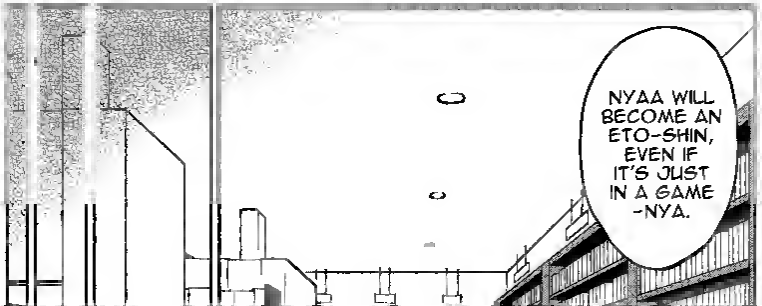
-Call of Battle Honor Edition-
Press Start
WELL, IT'S ALL JUST FICTION, SO...


NYAA CAME HERE TO READ SOME MANGA.
...BUT OKAY.
OH RIGHT, IF EVERYONE IS HERE, WHY DON'T ALL OF US PLAY THIS TOGETHER?


NYAA WILL BECOME AN ETO-SHIN, EVEN IF IT'S JUST IN A GAME -NYA.

WAH!
WHAT DID YOU JUST GIVE ME?
slosh slosh
HERE YOU GO~
THANKS.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH DESS DESS
Hy,
SUGAR WATER~
NO.. IT'S TRUE I SAID I WANTED SOMETHING SWEET, BUT...
BUUUT~
WHAT IF WE ADD IN SOME SESAME OIL?
Here
THAT'S A FANTASTIC IDEA, MEI-TAN!!

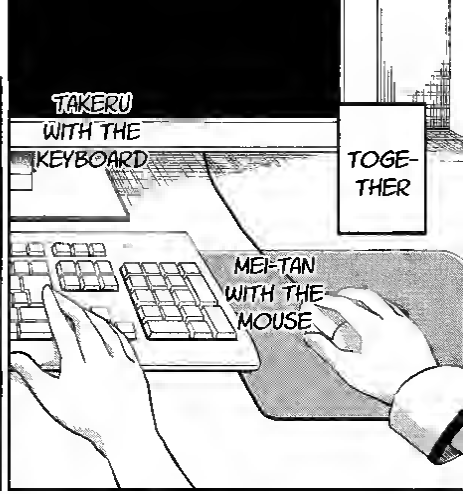
WOAH, THAT CAT ACTUALLY BROUGHT THE ENTIRE SERIES ALL AT ONCE
TAKERU~
AS I THOUGHT, THERE REALLY IS A 'MANGA CAFE ETO' SOMEWHERE!
AN ETO-MUSUME FROM THE DOG CLAN!?
DID YOU PLAN THIS WITH NYA-TAN!? ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE ME FEEL SAD!?
COUGH
RIGHT OVER THERE I MET KII-TAN AND-
ME AS WELL~.
SAME REACTION AS NYA-TAN'S
That sounds ominous dess dess!
SO THE ZODIAC...
I DON'T REALLY MIND, BUT WHAT KIND OF GAME IS IT DESS DESS?
SO ANYWAY, WE DECIDED THAT WE'LL ALL PLAY THIS GAME TOGETHER

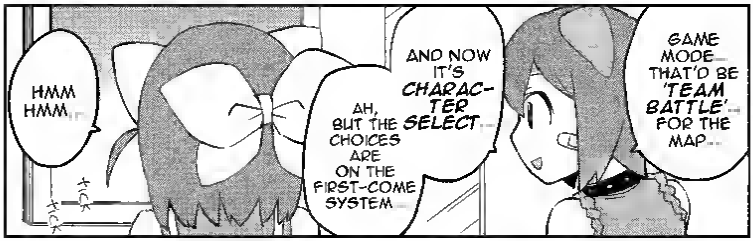
NO— I MEAN, SURE IT HAS A PRETTY WEIRD SETTING,
BUT THE GAME ITSELF IS A TYPICAL, RUN-OF-THE-MILL FIRST-PERSON SHOOTER GAME.

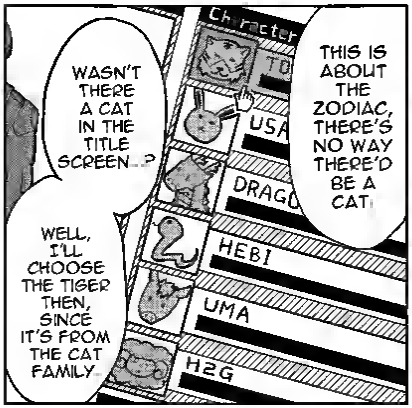
HONESTLY, AFTER THE FIRST FEW SECONDS YOU WOULD ALREADY FORGET THIS WAS EVER A GAME ABOUT THE ZODIAC.
THAT IS REALLY WEIRD, IN ITS OWN WAY.

WELL, DO YOU WANT TO TRY IT OUT ANYWAY, SINCE WE CAME ALL THE WAY HERE?
I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO EXPERIENCE WITH THIS GAME GENRE AT ALL, THOUGH
THAT'S ALRIGHT, INU-TAN AND I ARE TRYING THIS GAME OUT FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY AS WELL
TAKERU-SAN~, LET'S PLAY IT TOGETHER~
TOGE-THER?

THIS WILL ACTUALLY MAKE THE GAME HARDER, WON'T IT?
DO YOUR BEST DESS DESS.

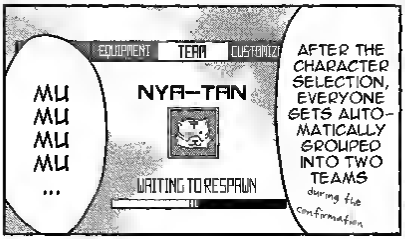

TAKERU WITH THE KEYBOARD
TOGE-THER
MEI-TAN WITH THE MOUSE


HMM HMM...
AH, BUT THE CHOICES ARE ON THE FIRST-COME SYSTEM...
AND NOW IT'S CHARAC-TER SELECT...
GAME MODE... THAT'D BE 'TEAM BATTLE' FOR THE MAP...

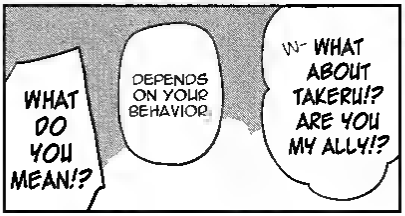

WELL, I'LL CHOOSE THE TIGER THEN, SINCE IT'S FROM THE CAT FAMILY.
WASN'T THERE A CAT IN THE TITLE SCREEN...?
THIS IS ABOUT THE ZODIAC, THERE'S NO WAY THERE'D BE A CAT.
USA
HEBI
UMA
H2G

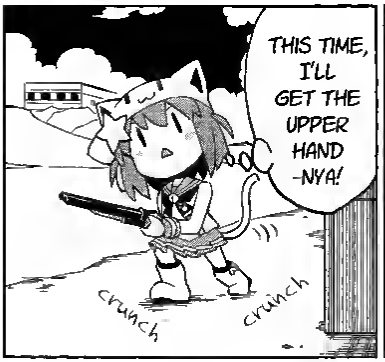
Character Select
UMA
H2G
SARU
TORI
WANCO
INO
.....
...THERE'S NO CAT?

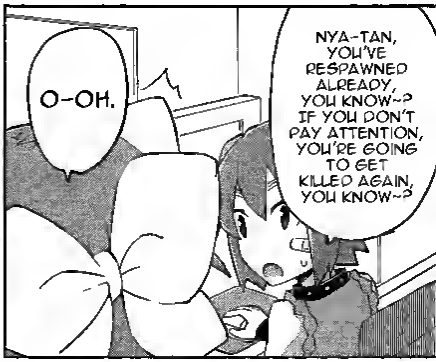
TEAM BATTLE
THEN, GAME START~
NOW, COME AT ME, WHEREVER YOU ALL ARE -NYA
GYAAH
ACTUAL APPEARANCE
AND I KILL RIGHT FROM THE START~
B-BUT I'M YOUR ALLY
YOU WERE KILLED BY KEY-TAN

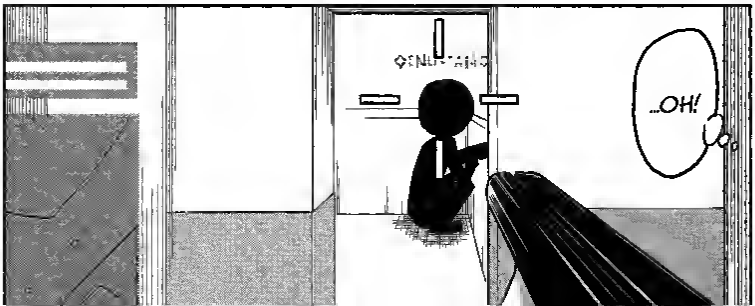

EQUIPMENT
TEAM
CUSTOMIZE
NYA-TAN
WAITING TO RESPAWN
MU MU MU MU ...
AFTER THE CHARACTER SELECTION, EVERYONE GETS AUTO-MATICALLY GROUPED INTO TWO TEAMS
during the conformation

NO, NYA-TAN AND I ARE NOW ENEMIES, YOU KNOW?
No way!
BUT I THOUGHT WE WERE FRIENDS...!!
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THAT.


W- WHAT ABOUT TAKERU!? ARE YOU MY ALLY!?
DEPENDS ON YOUR BEHAVIOR.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?


THIS TIME, I'LL GET THE UPPER HAND -NYA!
crunch
crunch


O-OH.
NYA-TAN, YOU'VE RESPAWNED ALREADY, YOU KNOW~? IF YOU DON'T PAY ATTENTION, YOU'RE GOING TO GET KILLED AGAIN, YOU KNOW~?


...OH!

IS THAT SO!? I CAN'T TELL!!
I'M ON YOUR SIDE, NYA-TAN!!
NYA-TAN TEAM KILL INU-TAN
ACTUAL APPEARANCE
GYA AAAA AAAA AH!?
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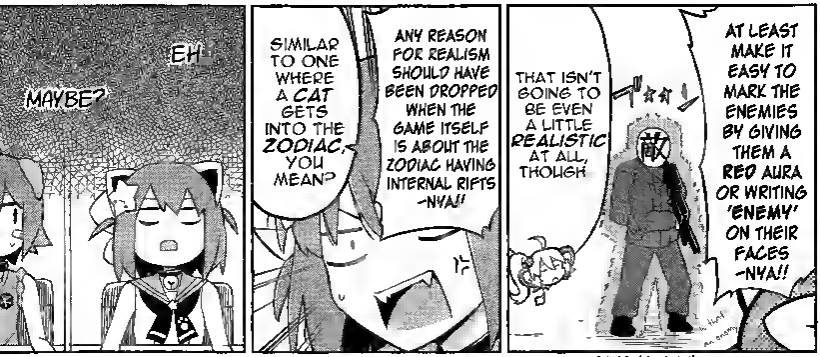
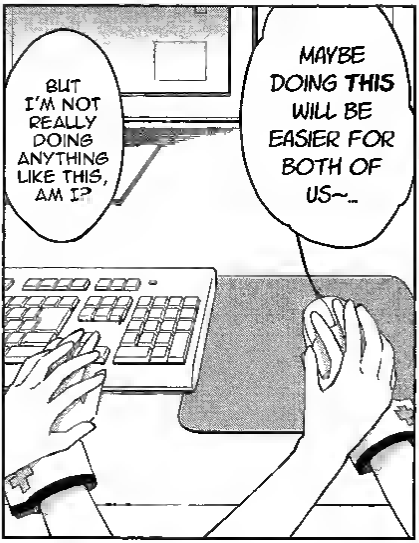

EH
MAYBE?
SIMILAR TO ONE WHERE A CAT GETS INTO THE ZODIAC, YOU MEAN?
ANY REASON FOR REALISM SHOULD HAVE BEEN DROPPED WHEN THE GAME ITSELF IS ABOUT THE ZODIAC HAVING INTERNAL RIFTS -NYA!!
THAT ISN'T GOING TO BE EVEN A LITTLE REALISTIC AT ALL, THOUGH
AT LEAST MAKE IT EASY TO MARK THE ENEMIES BY GIVING THEM A RED AURA OR WRITING 'ENEMY' ON THEIR FACES -NYA!!

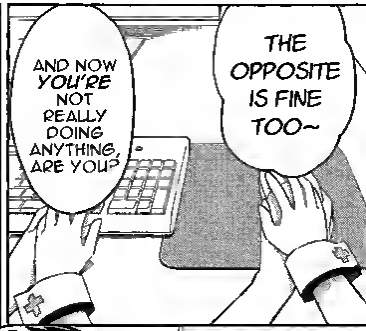
FACE 'ENEMY'

NO, LEFT CLICK.
ATTACK ATTACK
EH, THIS?
AH, EHM, HUUH...?
MEI-TAN, TURN THE CAMERA THE OTHER WAY AROUND
AND I SEE THOSE TWO ARE STRUGGLING IN ANOTHER WAY..
AH, I GOT KILLED AGAIN DESS DESS..
CLICK CLICK
NO, NO, THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL -NYA!
KAP


BUT I'M NOT REALLY DOING ANYTHING LIKE THIS, AM I?
MAYBE DOING THIS WILL BE EASIER FOR BOTH OF US~..

ACTUAL APPEAR ANCE
TAKERU-SAN, THIS MAY BE SUDDEN, BUT~..

AH, SO YOU'RE GOING TO GO 'OVER'. THEN LET'S JUST NOT DO THIS.
BUT MEI WILL GET A 'GAME OVER' EVEN FROM JUST FEELING TAKERU-SAN'S WARMTH~♡


AND NOW YOU'RE NOT REALLY DOING ANYTHING, ARE YOU?
THE OPPOSITE IS FINE TOO~

NOO~
NOO~
FUCK

DESU DESUUU-!!
WRYYYYYY
ACTUAL APPEARNACE
DESU
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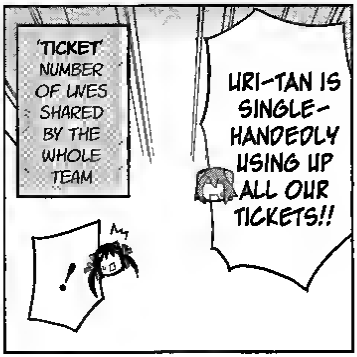
CAN'T BE WON WITH JUST SHEER FORCE DESS DESS?
COULD'T BE THAT THIS FIGHT
WELL, OBVI-OUSLY.


'TICKET' NUMBER OF LIVES SHARED BY THE WHOLE TEAM
URI-TAN IS SINGLE-HANDEDLY USING UP ALL OUR TICKETS!!
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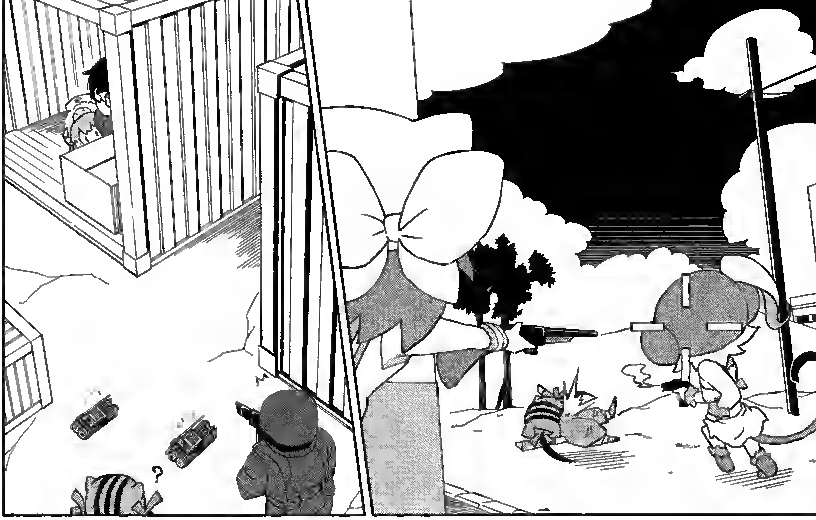
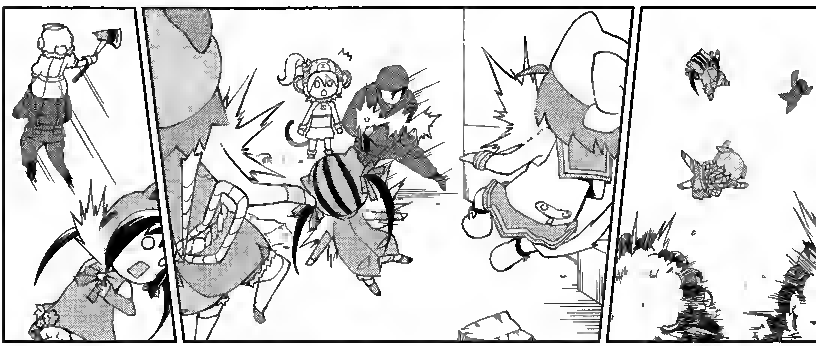
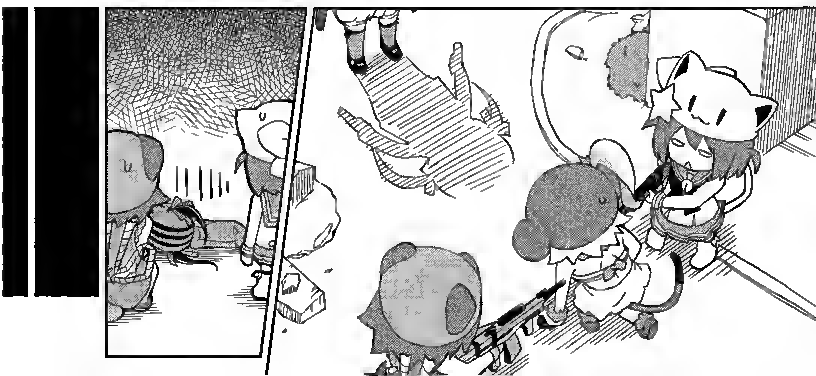
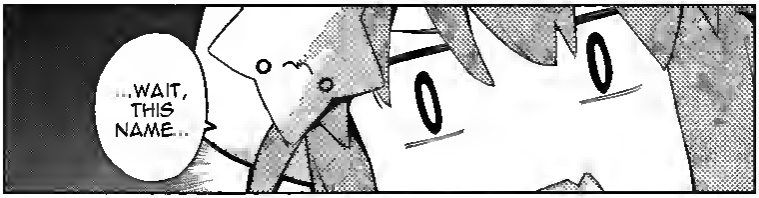




SO, WE LOST?
Yeah, BY A PRETTY BIG MARGIN.
GAME OVER
LOSE
TICKETS HERE 0
TICKETS THERE 30
THE GAME ENDED BEFORE I EVEN FIGURED OUT WHAT WAS GOING ON -NYA...
WOW
I'M ACTUALLY SURPRISED THAT WE GOT THIS FAR WITH THIS THREE-LEGGED PLAY OF OURS.
SLUMP
I THINK I'M GOING TO FEEL DEAD INSIDE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE DESS DESS.
LOST
GAME OV
SCOREBOAR
CLICK
MAYBE WE CAN LOOK AT THE SCORES FROM THE SCORE-BOARD TO FIND OUT -NYA?
Really?
I COULDN'T TELL BECAUSE KII-TAN AND TAKERU WERE BOTH SO GOOD AT THIS
I THINK IT'S BECAUSE THERE WAS ONE GUY ON MY TEAM WHO WAS ABSURDLY SKILLED AT THIS GAME

	THERE	WIN	K	
1	辰	DORA-TAN	32	4
2	申	KEY-TAN	19	1
3	酉	G2H	11	1
4	未	TAKERU&MEI	12	1
5	丑	HYO1235	7	1
6	巳	SHAR-TAN	3	0



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